

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/806,829 Confirmation No.: 4240  
Applicant : Jian Bai, Steven M. Fischer and J. Michael Flanagan  
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Title : Ambient Pressure Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI) Apparatus and Method of Analysis  
Group Art Unit : 2881  
Examiner : Nikita Wells  
Docket No. : 10980322-4 (12089.4003)  
Customer No. : 022878

Commissioner For Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION**

Sir:

Claims 34-80 are pending in this application. Claims 1-33 have been cancelled without prejudice.